

# ESSENTIAL FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN OREGON



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PRIORITIES

Governor Kotek's efforts to **update the calculation for Current Service Level (CSL) for Oregon's State School Fund** represents a meaningful step in ongoing efforts to fully fund our neighborhood K-12 public schools. The new formula more accurately represents the amount of funding required to maintain basic services and begins to address the chronic underfunding of Oregon's schools, but it does not include critical new investments Oregon educators know are needed to help Oregon's students thrive from pre-K through community college.

We know that Oregon students continue to struggle to rebound from learning loss experienced during pandemic closures, and that the needs of students who have returned to public schools are greater than they've ever been. In the 2025 legislative session, Oregon educators have prioritized new and existing targeted investments to ensure our public education system has the resources it needs to help students rebound.

Oregon's students need our public schools to be fully funded at levels laid out in the Quality Education Model. To that end, we believe the specific asks detailed below represent a meaningful investment and sustainable steps in the right direction as we continue to work towards fully funded public schools in Oregon.

## K-12 ASKS

**Current Service Level for the State School Fund:**  
**Maintains, but does not Improve, Services | \$11.37B**

### NEW TARGETED INVESTMENTS | \$763.5M

#### ■ Special Education | \$700M

- Lift and Fund the SpEd cap (HB 2953): \$450M
- Increase High-Cost Disability Grants (HB 2448): \$200M
- Fully Fund Regional Inclusive Services: \$52M
- Increase Supports for Early Intervention/Early Childhood Special Education (EI/ECSE): \$24M

#### ■ Other Funding Needs:

- School Based Health Professionals Taskforce (HB 2423): \$400k
- Oregon Registered Teaching Apprenticeship Program (HB 2588): \$3M
- Oregon Student Scholar Program (HB 3200): \$5M
- Support for Forest Fire Impacted Districts: \$5M

### CONTINUED TARGETED INVESTMENTS | \$375M

- Additional general fund support, to make targeted investments in critical grant programs: Student Support
  - Summer Learning Programming: \$75M
  - Science-based Literacy Support: \$300M

## OTHER FINANCIAL REQUESTS | \$166M

### ■ PERS Unfunded Liability Support (SB 849): \$166M

- This request is for targeted payments to the unfunded liability, providing stability for districts as they grapple with rate increases from poor OIC investments.

**CSL: \$11.37B | New Investments: \$713.5M | Continued Investments: \$375M | Other Financial Requests | \$166M**

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE ASKS

**Current Service Level for the Community College Support Fund | Maintains, but does not Improve, Services | \$870M**

### NEW INVESTMENTS:

- Pay Parity for Part Time Faculty (HB 2669): \$80M

### CONTINUED TARGETED INVESTMENTS:

- Oregon Opportunity Grants: \$150M
- Community College Tuition Stability: \$50M

**CSL: \$920M | New Investments: \$80M | Continued Investments: \$200M**